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1. Construction Works at CHEB:

POZEMNI STAVBY (Surface Construction), national corporation, TEPLICE, branch at CHEB, ulice Karla Marxe 126. During 1951 and part of 1952, it supplied over 90% of its products to the Army, especially to various barracks in the area of PLZEN. They manufactured army-closets for soldiers clothes and shoes; other products included tables, doors and window-frames.

The plant employed 35 people. The manager was comrade fnu VOSKA, his deputy Jan DVORAK. The former-chairman of the Works Committee, a shock-worker of German nationality Kurt LANGER, was sent by the Party in June last to a more responsible post at the Regional Secretariat of the CP in Karlovy Vary, and replaced by comrade fnu PEKNY. Chairman of CP Works organization is Josef TROJAN. the most active member of this organization is comrade fnu BOUZEK. Although the firm reported the fulfilment of its Five-year-plan in summer 1952 by 115 to 125%, workers estimated the actual fulfilment was merely 75%.

A bottleneck of production was the acute shortage of good-quality wood; the wood supplied was gnarled and damp and difficult to work. In spite of the poor quality of wood, workers were constantly urged to increase efficiency, which they did at the expense of quality. It often happened that doors were finished but the workers were not supplied with metal hinges, locks, screws, or paint.

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